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WORKING GROUP

REF: A. USNATO 4697 (DTG 271704Z AUG 76); B. USNATO 3145 (DTG 040905Z
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SUMMARY: THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE STANAG WORKING GROUP (WG/G)
CONVENED ON SEPTEMBER 6, 1976. FIVE NATIONAL PROVIDED DATA ON
PRIORITY II AND III STANAGS. THE CONSUMING TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT
THIS MEETING WAS A MONITORING SYSTEM FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
STANAGS (AC/297(WG/5)WP/1.)
END SUMMARY.

1. THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE STANAG WORKING GROUP (WG/5) CONVENED ON
SEPTEMBER 6, 1976. REPRESENTATIVES FROM CANADA, DENMARK, FRANCE,
GERMANY, ITALY, THE NETHERLANDS, TURKEY, UNITED KINGDOM,
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UNITED STATES AND SHAPE PARTICIPATED. ONLY CANADA, THE NETHERLANDS,
TURKEY, UNITED KINGDOM AND UNITED STATES PROVIDED COMMENTS ON THE
PRIORITY II AND III STANAGS.

2. WG/5 DISCUSSED THE WORKING PAPER ON A MONITORING SYSTEM FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STANAGS (AC/298/WG/5)WP/1). IN ADDITION TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN ANNEX A TO THE AGENDA (FORWARDED BY REF A), THE NETHERLANDS, FRANCE AND UK AGREED TO THE WORKING PAPER (FRANCE AGREED ON A TRIAL BASIS ONLY). DENMARK AND GERMANY ARE STILL STAFFING THE WORKING PAPER AT THE MOD LEVEL AND THEREFORE HAD NO COMMENTS. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION OF THE NATIONAL COMMENTS, THE WORKING GROUP CONCLUDED THAT THE PAPER SHOULD BE RE-ISSUED INCORPORATING CHANGES DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING. IN ADDITION, FOR THE NEXT MEETING, SHAPE WAS CHARGED WITH PROVIDING A RATIONAL FOR APPENDIX 1 TO THE WORKING PAPER, SPECIFICALLY WITH REGARD TO THE COLUMNS HEADED "MATERIAL" AND PROCEDURES" AND THE BREAKDOWN OF PERCENTAGES FOR CATEGORY A, B, AND C FORCES UNDER THOSE HEADINGS.

3. COMMENT: WASHINGTON WILL RECALL THAT WE ORIGINALLY QUESTIONED SHAPE ON THE PERCENTAGE BREAKDOWNS CALLED FOR UNDER CATEGORY A, B AND C FORCES. AT THAT TIME WE APPEARED TO BE THE DISSENTERS. AFTER ELICITING A COMPROMISE ON HOW THE PERCENTAGES SHOULD BE RECORDED (REF B), AND IN THE INTERESTS OF GOING AHEAD WITH THE WORK, WE ACQUIESCED IN FAVOR OF THE SHAPE REQUIREMENT. AFTER SOME REFLECTION, THE NATIONS SEEM TO BE FALLING OFF AN ADP SYSTEM FOR MONITORING AND LITERALLY INTERPRETING THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF WG/5, I.E., LIMITING CONSIDERATION TO EQUIPMENT STANAGS THUS PRECLUDING DISCUSSION OF "PROCEDURES." WHILE THERE SEEMS TO BE NO BASIC DISAGREEMENT WITH THE CONTENTS OF THE TEST OF THE WORKING PAPER, WE BELIEVE THE CONCERN ABOUT THE CONTENTS OF APPENDIX 1 IS A MOVE AWAY FROM THE ADP APPROACH WHICH WE HOPED WOULD EVENTUALLY BE ENLARGED TO ENCOMPASS THE WHOLE STANAG LIBRARY, NOT SIMILY EQUIPMENT STANAGS. END COMMENT.

4. WG/5 POSTPONED DISCUSSION OF THE CONTENT OF THE NEXT INTERIM REPORT TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE BECUASE OF THE UNFINISHED BUSINESS SURFACED AT THIS MEETING, VIZ. THE REMAINING NATIONAL COMMENTS ON PRIORITY II AND III STANAGS AND THE CHANGES TO THE WORKING PAPER ON A MONITORING SYSTEM WHICH WILL BE RE-ISSUED AFTER SHAPE REPORTS UNCLASSIFIED

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AT THE NEXT MEETING.

5. THE NEXT MEETING OF WG/5 IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 4, 1976. NO ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE IS REQUIRED AT THIS TIME. STREATOR

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